

CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO  
RESOLUTION 2023-14

**AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNMENTAL LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT NO. 001-0763153-302 BETWEEN CITY OF FRANKLIN AND THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK**

A resolution authorizing the negotiation, execution, and delivery of Governmental Lease-Purchase Agreement No. **001-0763153-302** dated **February 17, 2023** (the "Lease"), in principal amount not to exceed **\$85,502.00**, between **City of Franklin, 1 Benjamin Franklin Way, Franklin, OH 45005** and **The Huntington National Bank, 11100 Wayzata Blvd, Suite 700, Minnetonka, MN 55305**; and prescribing other details in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, City of Franklin, (the "Lessee") is a political subdivision duly organized and existing pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Lessee is duly authorized by applicable law to acquire such items of personal property as are needed to carry out its governmental functions and to acquire such personal property by entering into lease-purchase agreements; and

WHEREAS, Lessee hereby finds and determines that the execution of a Lease for the purpose of leasing with the option to purchase the property designated and set forth in Attachment 2 to the Lease is appropriate and necessary to the function and operations of the Lessee; and

WHEREAS, The Huntington National Bank, (the "Lessor") shall act as Lessor under said Lease; and

WHEREAS, the Lease shall not constitute a general obligation indebtedness of the Lessee within the meaning of the Constitution and laws of the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Franklin, Ohio, a majority of the members present concurring, that:

Section 1. The Lease, in substantially the form as presently before the governing body of the Lessee, is hereby approved, and the City Manager of the Lessee, is hereby authorized to negotiate, enter into, execute, and deliver the Lease and related documents in substantially the form as presently before the governing body of the Lessee, with such changes therein as shall be approved by such officer, and which Lease will be available for public inspection at the offices of Lessee.

Section 2. The Lessee shall, and the officers, agents and employees of the Lessee are hereby authorized and directed to take such further action and execute such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Resolution, and to carry out, comply with and perform the duties of the Lessee with respect to the Lease.

Section 3. The Lessee's obligations under the Lease shall be expressly subject to annual appropriation by Lessee; and such obligations under the Lease shall not constitute a general obligation of Lessee or indebtedness of Lessee within the meaning of the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio.

Section 4. All other related contracts and agreements necessary and incidental to the Lease are hereby authorized, ratified and approved.

Section 5. Lessee reasonably anticipates to issue not more than \$10,000,000 of tax-exempt obligations (other than "private activity bonds" which are not "qualified 501(c)(3) bonds") during the current calendar year and hereby designates the Lease as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for purposes of Section 265(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Section 6. It is found that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council that resulted in this formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, and the Rules of Council.

Section 7. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

ADOPTED: March 6, 2023

ATTEST: Khristi Dunn  
Khristi Dunn, Clerk of Council

APPROVED: Brent Centers  
Brent Centers, Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned Clerk of Council for the Franklin City Council, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed by that body on March 6, 2023.

Khristi Dunn  
Khristi Dunn, Clerk of Council



**GOVERNMENTAL LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT NO. 001-0763153-302 DATED AS OF February 17, 2023  
(TAX-EXEMPT)**

LESSOR	Name <b>The Huntington National Bank</b>	Email: <b>EFCustomerService@huntington.com</b>
	Address <b>11100 Wayzata Blvd, Suite 700, Minnetonka, MN 55305</b>	Fax Number: <b>(800) 844-3577</b>
LESSEE	Full Legal Name <b>City of Franklin</b>	Email: <b>sinman@franklinohio.org</b> Fax: <b>(937) 746-2107</b>
	Primary Address <b>1 Benjamin Franklin Way, Franklin, OH 45005</b>	Fiscal Year End: <b>December</b>
LEASE PAYMENT INFORMATION	Principal Portion: <b>\$85,502.00</b>	BANK QUALIFIED YOU hereby designate this Lease as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" as defined in Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code and represent that the aggregate face amount of all tax-exempt obligations (excluding private activity bonds other than qualified 501(c)(3) bonds) issued or to be issued by YOU and YOUR subordinate entities during the calendar year in which WE fund this Lease is not reasonably expected to exceed \$10,000,000.
	Interest Rate: <b>5.21%</b>	
	Maximum Lease Term: <b>60 Months</b>	
	Lease Payments: <i>See Attachment 1: Lease Payment Schedule</i>	
	Payment Frequency: <b>Annual</b>	

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Please read this Governmental Lease-Purchase Agreement No. 001-0763153-302 (including all attachments and schedules hereto, and any related escrow agreement, "Lease") carefully and feel free to ask US any questions YOU may have about it. Words "YOU" and "YOUR" refer to the "Lessee," and the words "WE," "US" and "OUR" refer to the "Lessor," its successors and assigns.

**1. LEASE:** WE agree to lease to YOU and YOU agree to lease from US, the equipment listed on Attachment 2: Equipment Description, including all replacement parts, repairs, additions and accessories ("Equipment") on the terms and conditions of this Lease and on any attached schedule.

**2. TERM:** This Lease is effective on the earlier of the date on which WE disburse funds to the vendor of the Equipment or the date on which WE deposit funds for the purchase of the Equipment with an escrow agent (the "Commencement Date"), which date YOU hereby authorize US to fill in on the executed Lease Payment Schedule following OUR receipt from YOU of the executed Acceptance Certificate in the form set forth as Attachment 3 hereto, and continues thereafter for an Initial Term ("Initial Term") ending at the end of YOUR budget year in effect on the Commencement Date and may be continued by YOU for additional one-year renewal terms ("Renewal Terms"), coinciding with YOUR budget year, up to the total number of months indicated above as the Maximum Lease Term; provided, however, that at the end of the Initial Term and at the end of each Renewal Term until the Maximum Lease Term has been completed, YOU will be deemed to have continued this Lease for the next Renewal Term unless YOU have terminated this Lease pursuant to Section 5 or Section 17. Lease Payments will be due as set forth on Attachment 1 until the balance of the Lease Payments and any additional Lease Payments or expenses chargeable to YOU under this Lease are paid in full. As set forth in the Lease Payment Schedule, a portion of each Lease Payment is paid as, and represents payment of, interest. YOUR obligation to pay Lease Payments and YOUR other Lease obligations are absolute and unconditional and are not subject to cancellation, reduction, setoff or counterclaim except as provided in Section 5. **THIS LEASE IS NON-CANCELABLE, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 5.**

**3. LATE CHARGES.** If a Lease Payment is not made on the date when due, YOU will pay US a late charge at the rate of 10% of the amount due or the maximum amount permitted by law, whichever is less, from the due date.

**4. CONTINUATION OF LEASE TERM.** YOU currently intend, subject to Section 5, to continue this Lease, and to pay Lease Payments hereunder, through the Maximum Lease Term. YOU reasonably believe that legally available funds in an amount sufficient to make all Lease Payments during the Maximum Lease Term can be obtained. YOUR responsible financial officer will do all things lawfully within his or her power to obtain and maintain funds from which Lease Payments may be made, including making provision for Lease Payments to the extent necessary in each proposed annual budget submitted for approval in accordance with YOUR applicable procedures and to exhaust all available reviews and appeals if that portion of the budget is not approved. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the decision whether to budget or appropriate funds and to extend this Lease for any Renewal Term is solely within the discretion of YOUR governing body.

**5. NONAPPROPRIATION.** YOU are obligated only to pay such Lease Payments under this Lease as may lawfully be made from funds budgeted and appropriated for that purpose during YOUR then current budget year. If YOU fail to appropriate or otherwise make available funds to pay the Lease Payments required to be paid in the next occurring Renewal Term, this Lease will be deemed terminated at the end of the then current Initial Term or Renewal Term. YOU agree to deliver written notice to US of such termination at least 90 days prior to the end of the then current Initial Term or Renewal Term, but failure to give such notice will not extend the term of this Lease beyond the then current Initial Term or Renewal Term. If this Lease is terminated in accordance with this Section, YOU agree, at YOUR cost and expense, to peaceably deliver the Equipment to US at the location or locations specified by US.

**6. WARRANTIES.** WE are leasing the Equipment to YOU "AS-IS" and WE MAKE NO WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. To the extent such warranties are transferrable, WE transfer to YOU, without recourse, for the term of this Lease all warranties, if any, made by the manufacturer. YOU ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT NO ONE IS AUTHORIZED TO WAIVE OR CHANGE ANY TERM, PROVISION OR CONDITION OF THIS LEASE EXCEPT IN WRITING AND SIGNED BY THE PARTIES HERETO, AND, EXCEPT FOR THE MANUFACTURER WARRANTIES, MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY ABOUT THIS LEASE OR THE EQUIPMENT. WE WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR SPECIAL, RESULTING OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES OR LOSS OF PROFIT OCCASIONED BY ANY BREACH OF WARRANTY OR REPRESENTATION OR RESULTING FROM THE USE OR PERFORMANCE OF THE EQUIPMENT. YOUR OBLIGATION TO PAY IN FULL ANY AMOUNT DUE UNDER THE LEASE WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY ANY DISPUTE, CLAIM, COUNTERCLAIM, DEFENSE OR OTHER RIGHT WHICH YOU MAY HAVE OR ASSERT AGAINST THE SUPPLIER OR THE EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER.

**7. DELIVERY AND ACCEPTANCE.** YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE, AT YOUR OWN COST, TO ARRANGE FOR THE DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF THE EQUIPMENT (UNLESS THOSE COSTS ARE INCLUDED IN THE COSTS OF THE EQUIPMENT TO US). WHEN THE EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN DELIVERED AND INSTALLED, YOU WILL IMMEDIATELY SIGN AND DELIVER TO US A SEPARATE ACCEPTANCE CERTIFICATE IN THE FORM SET FORTH AS ATTACHMENT 3 HERETO. WE MAY, AT OUR DISCRETION, CONFIRM BY TELEPHONE THAT YOU HAVE ACCEPTED THE EQUIPMENT, AND THAT TELEPHONE VERIFICATION OF YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE EQUIPMENT WILL HAVE THE SAME EFFECT AS A SIGNED ACCEPTANCE CERTIFICATE.

(Terms and Conditions continued on the next page of this Lease.)

LESSEE SIGNATURE	YOU agree to all of the Terms and Conditions contained in both sides of this Lease, and in any attachments to this Lease (all of which are included by reference) and become part of this Lease. YOU acknowledge that YOU have read and agreed to all the Terms and Conditions.	LESSOR SIGNATURE	Name of Lessor <b>The Huntington National Bank</b>
	City of Franklin Legal Name of Lessee		By _____ Signature
	By <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ Signature		Print Name and Title _____
	Print Name and Title <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____		001-0763153-302 Lease Number

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK OR SECRETARY	I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the officer of Lessee who executed the foregoing Lease on behalf of Lessee and whose genuine signature appears thereon, (1) is the duly qualified and acting officer of Lessee as stated beneath his or her signature and (2) is duly authorized to execute and deliver the foregoing Agreement on behalf of Lessee.
	Signature: _____ Title: _____
	THE ABOVE CERTIFICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE CLERK OR SECRETARY OF LESSEE, AND THE CLERK OR SECRETARY MUST BE A DIFFERENT INDIVIDUAL THAN THE OFFICER SIGNING IN THE "LESSEE SIGNATURE" BOX.

**8. TITLE, PERSONAL PROPERTY, LOCATION, INSPECTION, NO MODIFICATIONS OR ALTERATIONS.** YOU have title to the Equipment; provided that title to the Equipment will immediately and without any action by YOU vest in US, and YOU will immediately surrender possession of the Equipment to US, (a) upon any termination of this Lease other than termination pursuant to Section 17 (including but not limited to any termination pursuant to Section 5) or (b) if YOU are in default of this Lease. It is the intent of the parties hereto that any transfer of title to US pursuant to this Section will occur automatically without the necessity of any bill of sale, certificate of title or other instrument of conveyance. YOU will, nevertheless, execute and deliver any such instruments as WE may request to evidence such transfer. As security for YOUR obligations hereunder, to the extent permitted by law, YOU grant to US a first and prior security interest in the Equipment, all cash and negotiable instruments comprising the escrow fund held under any related escrow agreement, and all proceeds of the foregoing. YOU have the right to use the Equipment during the term of this Lease, except as otherwise expressly set forth in this Lease. Although the Equipment may become attached to real estate, it remains personal property. YOU agree not to alter or modify the Equipment or permit a lien to be placed upon the Equipment or to remove the Equipment without OUR prior written consent. YOU agree to provide US with waivers of interest or liens from anyone claiming any interest in the real estate on which any items of Equipment is located. WE also have the right, at reasonable times, to inspect the Equipment.

**9. MAINTENANCE.** YOU are required, at YOUR own cost and expense, to keep the Equipment in good repair, condition and working order, except for ordinary wear and tear, and to supply all parts and servicing required. All replacement parts used or installed and repairs made to the Equipment will become OUR property. YOU acknowledge that WE are not responsible for providing any required maintenance and/or service for the Equipment. YOU will make all claims for service and/or maintenance solely to the supplier and/or manufacturer and such claims will not affect YOUR obligation to make Lease Payments.

**10. ASSIGNMENT.** YOU agree not to transfer, sell, sublease, assign, pledge or encumber either the Equipment or any rights under this Lease without OUR prior written consent. YOU agree that WE may sell, assign or transfer this Lease and, if WE do, the new owner will have the same rights and benefits, but not the obligations, that WE now have. The rights of the new owner will not be subject to any claims, counterclaims, defenses or set-offs that YOU may have against US. No assignment will be effective until YOU have received written notice from the assignor of the name and address of the assignee. YOU or YOUR agent will maintain a written record of each assignment in form necessary to comply with Section 149(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

**11. LOSS OR DAMAGE.** YOU are responsible for the risk of loss or destruction of, or damage to, the Equipment. No such loss or damage relieves YOU from any obligation under this Lease. If any of the Equipment is damaged by fire or other casualty or if title to, or the temporary use of, any of the Equipment is taken under the exercise of the power of eminent domain, the net proceeds ("Net Proceeds") of any insurance claim or condemnation award will be applied to the prompt replacement, repair, restoration, modification or improvement of that Equipment, unless YOU have exercised YOUR option to purchase the Equipment pursuant to Section 17. Any balance of the Net Proceeds remaining after such work has been completed will be paid to YOU.

**12. INDEMNITY.** WE are not responsible for any losses or injuries caused by the manufacture, acquisition, delivery, installation, ownership, use, lease, possession, maintenance, operation or rejection of the Equipment or defects in the Equipment. To the extent permitted by law, YOU agree to reimburse US for and to defend US against any claim for losses or injuries (including attorneys' fees and other expenses for the defense of such claim), regardless of nature, relating to the Equipment, including, without limitation, its manufacture, acquisition, delivery, installation, ownership, use, lease, possession, maintenance or operation. This indemnity will continue even after the termination of this Lease.

**13. TAXES.** YOU agree to pay any applicable license and registration fees, sale and use taxes, personal property taxes and all other taxes and charges, relating to the ownership, leasing, rental, sale, purchase, possession or use of the Equipment (except those based on OUR net income). YOU agree that if WE pay any taxes or charges, YOU will reimburse US for all such payments and will pay US interest and a late charge (as calculated in Section 3) on such payments with the next Lease Payment, plus a fee for OUR collecting and administering any taxes, assessments or fees and remitting them to the appropriate authorities.

**14. INSURANCE.** During the term of this Lease, YOU will keep the Equipment insured against all risks of loss or damage in an amount not less than the replacement cost of the Equipment. YOU will also obtain and maintain for the term of this Lease, liability insurance insuring against liability for bodily injury and property damage with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit or such greater amount as may be prescribed by any applicable state law. WE will be the sole named loss payee on the property insurance and named as an additional insured on the liability insurance, and such insurance shall provide US at least thirty days written notice of cancellation. YOU will pay all premiums for such insurance and must deliver proof of insurance coverage satisfactory to US. If YOU do not provide such insurance, YOU agree that WE have the right, but not the obligation, to obtain such insurance and add an insurance fee to the amount due from you.

**15. DEFAULT.** Subject to Section 5, YOU are in default of this Lease if any of the following occurs: (a) YOU fail to pay any Lease Payment or other sum when due; (b) YOU breach any warranty or other obligation under this Lease, or any other agreement with US, (c) YOU become insolvent or unable to pay YOUR debts when due, YOU make an assignment for the benefit of creditors or YOU undergo a substantial deterioration in YOUR financial condition, or (d) YOU file or have filed against YOU a petition for liquidation, reorganization, adjustment of debt or similar relief under the Federal Bankruptcy Code or any other present or future federal or state bankruptcy or insolvency law, or a trustee, receiver or liquidator is appointed for YOU or a substantial part of YOUR assets.

**16. REMEDIES.** WE have the following remedies if YOU are in default of this Lease: WE may declare the entire balance of the unpaid Lease Payments for the then current Initial Term or Renewal Term immediately due and payable; sue for and receive all Lease Payments and any other payments then accrued or accelerated under this Lease; take whatever action at law or in equity may appear necessary or desirable to enforce OUR rights as owner of the Equipment; charge YOU interest on all monies due US at the rate of eighteen percent (18%) per year from the date of default until paid, but in no event more than the maximum rate permitted by law; charge YOU a return-check or non-sufficient funds charge ("NSF Charge") of \$25.00 for a check that is returned for any reason; and require that YOU return the Equipment to US and, if YOU fail to return the Equipment, enter upon the premises peaceably with or without legal process where the Equipment is located and repossess the Equipment. Such return or repossession of the Equipment will not constitute a termination of this Lease unless WE expressly notify YOU in writing. If the Equipment is returned or repossessed by US and unless WE have terminated this Lease, WE will sell or re-rent the Equipment to any persons with any terms WE determine, at one or more public or private sales, with or without notice to YOU, and apply the net proceeds after deducting the costs and expenses of such sale or re-rent, to YOUR obligations with YOU remaining liable for any deficiency and with any excess over the amounts described in this Section plus the then applicable Purchase Price to be paid to YOU. YOU are also required to pay (i) all expenses incurred by US in connection with the enforcement of any remedies, including all expenses of repossessing, storing, shipping, repairing and selling the Equipment, and (ii) reasonable attorneys' fees.

**17. PURCHASE OPTION.** Provided YOU are not in default, YOU will have the option to purchase all, but not less than all, of the Equipment (a) on the date the last Lease Payment is due (assuming this Lease is renewed at the end of the Initial Term and each Renewal Term), if this Lease is still in effect on that day, upon payment in full of Lease Payments and all other amounts then due and the payment of One Dollar to US; (b) on the last day of the Initial Term or any Renewal Term then in effect, upon at least 30 days' prior written notice to US and payment in full to US of the Lease Payments and all other amounts then due plus the then applicable Purchase Price set forth on the Lease Payment Schedule; or (c) if substantial damage to or destruction or condemnation of substantially all of the Equipment has occurred, on the day specified in YOUR written notice to US of YOUR exercise of the purchase option upon at least 30 days' prior notice to US and payment in full to US of the Lease Payments and all other amounts then due plus the then applicable Purchase Price set forth on the Lease Payment Schedule.

**18. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES.** YOU warrant and represent as follows: (a) YOU are a public body corporate and politic duly organized and existing under the constitution and laws of YOUR State with full power and authority to enter into this Lease and to perform all of YOUR obligations hereunder; (b) YOU have duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Lease by proper action by YOUR governing body, and all requirements have been met and procedures have occurred in order to ensure the validity and enforceability of this Lease; (c) YOU have complied with such public bidding requirements as are applicable to this Lease and the acquisition by YOU of the Equipment; (d) all authorizations, consents and approvals of governmental bodies or agencies required in connection with the execution and delivery by YOU of this Lease or in connection with the carrying out of YOUR obligations hereunder have been obtained; (e) this Lease constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of YOU enforceable in accordance with its terms, except to the extent limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally; (f) YOU have, in accordance with the requirements of law, fully budgeted and appropriated sufficient funds for the current budget year to make the Lease Payments scheduled to come due during the current budget year and to meet YOUR other obligations under this Lease during the current budget year, and those funds have not been expended for other purposes; (g) there is no proceeding pending or threatened in any court or before any governmental authority or arbitration board or tribunal that, if adversely determined, would adversely affect the transactions contemplated by this Lease or our interest in the Equipment; (h) the Equipment is essential to YOUR functions or to the services YOU provide to YOUR citizens, YOU have an immediate need for the Equipment and expect to make immediate use of the Equipment, YOUR need for the Equipment is not temporary and YOU do not expect the need for any item of the Equipment to diminish in the foreseeable future, including the Maximum Lease Term, and the Equipment will be used by YOU only for the purpose of performing one or more of YOUR governmental or proprietary functions consistent with the permissible scope of YOUR authority and will not be used in the trade or business of any other entity or person; and (i) YOU have never failed to appropriate or otherwise make available funds sufficient to pay rental or other payments coming due under any lease purchase, installment sale or other similar agreement.

**19. UCC FILINGS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.** YOU authorize US to file a financing statement with respect to the Equipment. If WE feel it is necessary, YOU agree to submit financial statements (audited if available) on an annual basis.

**20. UCC - ARTICLE 2A PROVISIONS.** YOU agree that this Lease is a Finance Lease as that term is defined in Article 2A of the Uniform Commercial Code ("UCC"). YOU acknowledge that WE have given YOU the name of the Supplier of the Equipment. WE hereby notify YOU that YOU may have rights under the contract with the Supplier and YOU may contact the Supplier for a description of any rights or warranties that YOU may have under this supply contract. YOU also waive any and all rights and remedies granted YOU under Sections 2A-508 through 2A-522 of the UCC.

**21. TAX EXEMPTION.** YOU will comply with all applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the applicable regulations thereunder to maintain the exclusion of the interest portion of the Lease Payments from gross income for purposes of federal income taxation. YOU will file all necessary informational returns with the IRS, on a timely basis, and provide US with copies of such filed returns relating to this Lease. If YOU fail to file the necessary informational returns on a timely basis, YOU authorize US, in OUR sole discretion, to engage a tax professional to complete the required returns on YOUR behalf and expense, which YOU will promptly execute and file. If it is determined that any of the interest may not be excluded from gross income, YOU agree to pay to US an additional amount determined by US for the loss of such excludability.

**22. BANK QUALIFICATION.** If this Lease has been designated a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" on the front page of this Lease, YOU and all YOUR subordinate entities will not issue in excess of \$10,000,000 of qualified tax-exempt obligations (including this Lease, but excluding private activity bonds other than qualified 501(c)(3) bonds) during the calendar year in which WE fund this Lease without first obtaining an opinion of nationally recognized counsel in the area of tax-exempt municipal obligations acceptable to US that the designation of this Lease as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" will not be adversely affected.

**23. CHOICE OF LAW; JURY TRIAL WAIVER.** This Lease will be governed and construed in accordance with federal law and, to the extent not preempted by federal law, the laws of the state where YOU are located. To the extent permitted by law, YOU agree to waive YOUR rights to a trial by jury.

**24. ENTIRE AGREEMENT; SEVERABILITY; WAIVERS.** This Lease contains the entire agreement and understanding. No agreements or understandings are binding on the parties unless set forth in writing and signed by the parties. Any provision of this Lease which for any reason may be held unenforceable in any jurisdiction will, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective without invalidating the remaining provisions of this Lease.

**25. COUNTERPARTS; NOTICES; ELECTRONIC TRANSACTION.** This Lease may be simultaneously executed in counterparts, each of which will be an original and all of which will constitute but one and the same instrument. Notices hereunder shall be deemed given when delivered personally, sent via overnight courier, facsimile or e-mail (with confirmation of transmission), or certified U.S. Mail, addressed as set forth above. Copies, electronic files and other reproductions of original documents shall be deemed to be authentic counterparts for all purposes. There shall be only one original counterpart of this Lease and it shall bear OUR original ink or electronic signature and be marked "Original." To the extent that this Lease constitutes chattel paper (as that term is defined by the UCC), a security or ownership interest intended to be created through the transfer and possession of this Lease can be done only by the transfer of such original bearing OUR ink or electronic original signature. YOU consent to the use of electronic signatures on this Lease and any related documents.

**26. ROLE OF LESSOR.** WE have not acted and will not act as a fiduciary for YOU or as YOUR agent or municipal advisor. WE have not and will not provide financial, legal, tax, accounting or other advice to YOU or to any financial advisor or placement agent engaged by YOU with respect to this Lease. YOU, YOUR financial advisor, placement agent or municipal advisor, if any, shall each seek and obtain YOUR own financial, legal, tax, accounting and other advice with respect to this Lease from YOUR own advisors (including as it relates to structure, timing, terms and similar matters).